

A meeting of the Rogers Re-Use Committee was held on November 16, 2021.

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Attendance: Paul Foley, Keith Sylvia, Sue Loo, Barbara Aksen, Beverly Rasmussen.

Via Zoom: Wayne Hayward and Gary Lavalette

Absent: Doug Brady, Kevin McLaughlin, Gail Isaksen, Nils Isaksen, Lisa Plante.

Sue Loo stated the Rogers Open House of September 30 and October 2nd was very successful. Approximately 300 people attended and all comments on the building were very favorable.

The mothball process is moving along. The basement is dry. Two sides of the building still need to be completed which involves spraying a solvent that helps keep the moisture from penetrating the bricks. Wayne Hayward asked how much money was left in the mothball account. Sue Loo will check and get back to the committee.

Paul Foley did not get the Real Estate Technical Grant. Work will now proceed on getting the Request for Proposal (RFP) completed and sent out to the public. Some issues that will be worked on are:

1. Clarify extent of property subject to RFP.
2. Clarify and maintain the historical significance of the 1884 building.
3. Clarify and expand potential zoning changes or concepts.
4. Add trip generation to not adversely affect traffic flow.
5. Remove purchase price.
6. Replace town goal of receiving as much value as possible with goal of sustainable, compatible and historic redevelopment of the property.
7. Leave RFP open for six weeks to two months.
8. Revise appraisal price and question.

Wayne Hayward suggested we convey types of uses we vision open to users. He also would like no attachments to the building and suggested houses be built on the Pleasant Street side. Gary Lavalette agreed.

Paul Foley will now work on the RFP with the suggestions and comments made by the committee. He will forward the changes to the committee for their review and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Banquet room.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Rasmussen